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ANNUAL REPORT.

For

MAGDALEINE DE VERCHERES CHAPTER, I.O.D.E.

February 18th, 1916 - February 20th, 1917.

Since the first Annual Meeting, February 18th, 1916, the Magdaleine de Vercheres Chapter I.O.D.E., under the inspiring Regentship of Madame Casgrain has to report a most successful year's work and of sincere efforts made by the Chapter to meet some of the many urgent needs for Patriotic Work.

During the summer our Regent Madame Casgrain paid a visit to France and by the courtesy of the French War Office was taken to the Trenches near Metz and was able to see for herself the present conditions there. On her return she made us realize more than ever the horrors of the War and the need for special effort on our part. As a recognition of the wonderful work done by Canadian women for French Relief our Regent was presented with a gold Military Medal by the "Societe des Medailles Militaires" which is composed of the "elite" of French troops, who have won the greatest of all honors on the field of battle. The members of the Magdaleine de Vercheres Chapter prize this recognition of their regent's splendid work and devotion, especially as she was the first woman to receive this honour, and admire her generosity and patriotism in donating it to the Canadian Archives in Ottawa.

The rooms of the Chapter at La Banque Nationale Building have been opened daily and the members have met there for work. Sub-committees were formed for the expedition of this work, which consists in making hospital supplies such as dressing, pyjamas, shirts, handkerchiefs, utility bags, bandages, comfort bags, socks, soldiers comforts, etc.

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The Chapter would like to express its thanks  
to the Convenors of these Committees who have so ably  
carried on this work.

Dressing & Compresses -	Mrs. Dunbar Mrs. O'Halloran	Packing -	Mrs. Philpotts Miss Moylan
Handkerchiefs & Bags -	Lady Taschereau Mrs. Coutlee Madame Audette	Cigarette -	Miss H. Grant
Purchasing -	Mrs. Colson Mrs. Dunnott	Collections at Matchs -	Mrs. Aylwin Mrs. F. Hadley
Knitting -	Madame Audette	Superfluity Shop -	Mrs. D.C. Scott
Sewing -	Mrs. Ewart Mrs. McLachlin	Knitting Machine -	Mrs. Dunbar
Marking -	Mrs. J.E. Macpherson	Relief -	Mrs. Eliot
Press -	Mrs. D'Arcy McGee Mrs. Sanford Evans	Warm Clothing, etc. for Refugees -	Mrs. S. Smith
Music -	Mrs. M. Davis	Girls Junior Auxiliary -	Miss Hecker
		Willing Workers -	Miss St. Denis Miss Lees

The amount of work done may be judged by the following reports.

Purchasing Committee:

Materials Purchased.

	No. of yds.		No. of yds.
Cotton for bandages & handkerchiefs	- 2895	Towelling )	24
Flammelette for pyjamas	- 891	Quilts )	48
Cotton for fracture shirts	- 673	Table Napkins)	36
Butter Cloth	- 1696	Knitting machine	1
Tape	- 2150	Wool	250 lbs
Gauze	- 3000	Denim for bags	338 yds.
Absorbent Cotton	- 100 lbs.	Sateen cloth	13½ "
Non-absorbent Cotton	- 50 "	Binding	626 "
Girdles	- 300	Khaki Handkerchiefs	- 1835
Buttons	- 864	Razors	310
Labels, Magdeleine de Vercheres	- 2000	Hair Brushes	335
		Pipes	336
		Boot laces	672 prs.



	No. of yds.
Bath Towels	336
Face Cloths	336
Cigarettes	11930
Paper pads	334
Tobacco	600 pkgs.
Cigarette papers	149 "
Envelopes	4000
Pencils	660
Combs	338
Chewing Gum	43 boxes
Cards	677 pkgs.
Soap	336 cakes
Tooth brushes	439
Nut Bar	156
Matio Sugar	6 dos. cakes
Post Cards	100
Tooth picks	3 boxes
Kazoos	36
Jevs Harps	108
Fifes	15
Clappers	19
Whistles	32
Mouth organs	30
Dominoes	144 sets
Spiders	108
Christmas Seals	30 pkgs.
" Tags	34 "
Paraffin Paper	1 "
Tissue Paper	18 qrs.
Socks	300 prs.
Parawax for candles	112 lbs.
Oil Cloth	7½ yds.
Twine	2 balls
Thimbles	72
Needles	250
Scissors	13 prs.
Pins	( 1 lb.
	(15 papers
Tar Paper	1 roll
Packing Cases	60

Packing Committee.

39 Boxes Hospital supplies and  
11 Boxes Soldiers Comforts have  
been despatched containing:-

Bandages.

Abdominal	46
Many Tail	68
I	33
Triangular	<u>961</u> 3724

Compresses.

Large	295
Medium	<u>44358</u>
Small	2720
Slings	<u>20</u> 7393

Dressings.

Large	418
Surgical	202
Small	33
10 X 12	<u>1123</u> 1776
Handkerchiefs	4623
Pyjamas	247
Shirts	396
Pillow slips	16
Sheets	18
Tray cloths	156
Socks	527 prs.
Caps (Pole & Trench)	32
Helmets	5
Mitts	38 prs.
Scarves	55
Wristlets	40 prs.
Utility Bags	<u>557</u>
Flannel Suit	1

Christmas Dinner for Signalmen.

Ham	336 lbs.
Sausages	69 "
Peas	84 tins
Plum Pudding	112 lbs.
Oranges	400
Butter	60 lbs.
Raisins	44 "
Ginger Ale	376 bottles
Christmas Crackers	276
Paper Napkins	300
Milk	12 qts.
Ham	10 lbs.
Ribbon for caps	90 yds.
Crape Paper	6 rolls.



The above boxes of Hospital Supplies were sent to Commissioner Roy for Canadian Hospitals in France and the Soldiers Comforts to the Trenches.

4 boxes were sent to the War Library containing books and magazines.

One (1) box to Princess Patricia's Regiment -containing-  
10350 cigarettes  
320 Packages Tobacco  
18 Tins Tobacco

To the Trenches through the War Contingent - 322 Christmas stockings

To Red Cross - 100 Christmas stockings

To Lady Drummond - 280 Comfort Bags containing 4480 articles.

To His Majesty's Navy by request of Lady Taschereau

1 Box, containing -

50 pairs mitts  
76 packages tobacco  
10 packages tobacco, cigars,  
tooth paste.

Old linen, Bales of worn clothing for Belgian and French refugees, Scrap books and Trench candles have also been sent.

In all its work the Chapter has had the ready co-operation of the Junior Auxiliary and would like to take this opportunity of thanking them especially for their assistance in all entertainments and for their arduous work in collecting at matches, etc. They have also worked faithfully at scrap books, trench candles, etc., and many have been quite proficient knitters on the knitting machine. A Committee was formed in the Autumn for the knitting machine and as a result the machine is now in use every day with a good average production of socks each month, however as the Chapter has lately had the loan of a second machine the output should increase tremendously.

Representatives of the Chapter, Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. McGee form part of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Patriotic Fund and report having visited sixty (60) Soldiers' families monthly and of being able to help and straighten out difficulties for them in many cases.



Representatives of the Chapter have also been sent to the Soldiers Aid Commission, Mrs. Tunbar formerly filled that position and now Mrs. R. Fraser has kindly consented to take it. The Chapter assisted the Commission in their recent house to house collection.

The Annual Meeting of the National Chapter, I.O.D.E. was held in Toronto in May, 1916. It was attended by the Regent, Madame Casgrain, and Secretary, Mrs. C. A. Eliot, as delegates appointed by the Chapter.

The Regent and four other members also represent the Chapter on the Local Council for Women. We cannot pass on to the other work of the Chapter without speaking of the great assistance rendered by the Willing Workers Aid to the Chapter and of the splendid work done by them, a report of which will be read later. The Chapter would like to tender to them their sincere appreciation and thanks. Money has been raised for Patriotic objects by various activities, among others by a large and very successful Garden Party and Pageant - the Fete of the Allies - was held in September.

By the sale of D. Doughty's most charming and interesting book "The Daughter of New France", the proceeds of which have been so kindly donated by him to the Chapter.

A series of Patriotic and Sacred Concerts have been held on Sunday afternoons collections at which have been taken for Red Cross and Patriotic Work.

A new venture this winter was the opening of the Superfluity Shop under the able convenorship of Mrs. D. C. Scott. It has met with marked success. Collections have also been taken at Hockey matches, Lacrosse, Football games, races, etc. The Dansants have been held weekly at the Russell under the auspices of the Chapter at which 50 per cent of the proceeds have been given to the Chapter. Through the kindness of Mrs. T. Ellery Lord a very successful bridge party was held at her house the proceeds of which helped to provide the Christmas dinner for the smallholders. The amounts raised in this way will be shown in the Treasurer's Report also the way in which it has



been expended. It is sufficient for me to say that the Chapter has never refused an appeal for assistance and has been privileged to help many worthy patriotic objects. The Regent and members of the Chapter would like to take this opportunity of placing on record their sincere appreciation of the kindnesses of the many friends who have so ably assisted them during the past year. Among others they would like to tender their thanks especially to the following:-

To Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught for their ever ready graciousness in always taking an interest in the work of the Chapter and helping to stimulate. It is not only by always extending their patronage to their projects and entertainments, but also by honoring them by their immediate presence. They also contributed generously to the Funds and before leaving Canada donated many valuable articles to the Superfluity Shop.

To Her Royal Highness Princess Patricia for also contributing many of her valuable paintings.

To Dr. Doughty for his charming and interesting book "The Daughter of New France" the proceeds of which he has so generously donated to the Chapter.

To La Banque Nationale for the generous loan of their spacious rooms.

To A. E. Mortimer & Company for their kindness in printing programmes, etc., and helping the Chapter in numerous ways.

To Mr. Soper for the use of his beautiful grounds at Rockcliffe for the Pageant and Fete of the Allies, and to all those who so kindly assisted and helped to engender its success.

To Lord Richard Neville for generous donation; to Lady Laurier for successful sock shower for the French Relief Fund of the Magdalene de Vercheres Chapter, I.O.D.E.; and to many others.

(sgd).....Mary R. Eliot

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Hon. Secretary.



## REPORT OF THE AGM. OF THE MACLEROIS CHAPTER, I.O.D.E.

From February 18th, 1916 - February 16th, 1917.

Receipts:

Balance on hand 10th Feb. 1916.....	2,189.18
Life Members Fees .....	350.00
Annual Fees .....	176.50
Balance of fees from 1915.....	4.50
Interest.....	57.61
Sale of Dr. Doughty's Book.....	2,197.84
Collections Sunday Concerts.....	827.56
Collections, Hockey, Races, Games.....	1,697.63
The Dansants at Russell.....	211.55
Madame Lafleur Bridge Party.....	105.85
Tea at Chateau Laurier for 77th Batt.....	145.00
Mrs. Mulvey's Bridge Party.....	150.00
O. W. C. C. Memorial Meeting Russell.....	106.50
77th Concert at Russell Theatre.....	175.00
Connaught Park Races.....	300.00
Ottawa South Garden Party .....	215.09
Postmasters Association of Canada.....	500.00
Bridge at Mrs. Lord's.....	142.25
Mrs. Morse raffle of picture.....	65.00
Dance at Russell House Sailor's Relief.....	122.00
Madame Blondin raffle Tea Cloth.....	560.00
Fete at Mrs. Soper's'.....	2,174.24
Photography.....	29.20
Small donations, sale of pins, etc.....	147.57
Return cheque from J. Eaton.....	180.00

(\$12,630.14)

Expenditures:

Feb.		
22	Seamen's Fund.....	200.00
	I.O.D.E. of Canada King George & Queen Mary Hospital.....	150.00
	Non-Margaret Shaughnessy for Military Gazette.....	150.00
	Mrs. Liverpool Matthews, London, England Free Buffet for Soldiers and Sailors.....	200.00
	Musical Instruments per Mrs. Lamb, 77th Batt...	200.00
	Canadian Red Cross Society maintenance of nurse	500.00
	French Peasants.....	200.00
	Khaki Club, Quebec.....	100.00
	Miss Kathleen Burke, Women Scottish Hospitals.	250.00
	French Wounded Emergency Fund, Mde Gorman.....	100.00
	Lutor House.....	100.00
	Convalescent Home Clarence House.....	100.00
	Soldiers' Aid Commission for furnishing room..	47.60
	Patriotic Souvenir of Fete of Allies, Her Royal Highness Duchess of Connaught.....	500.00
	H.R.H. for Prisoners of War Fund.....	500.00
	Educational Dept. National Chapter I.O.D.E.....	25.00
	Tuberculosis Huts at Shorncliffe, Mrs. St. Pierre Hughes.....	200.00
	Geo. Burn P.W.I. British Seamen's Relief Fund....	422.00
	Patriotic Fund.....	<u>1,000.00</u>
		4,944.60

(Forward)



Forward.....	\$4,944.60
Charter Members Fees remitted National Chapter, Balance from 1915.....	7.00
Charter Members Fees remitted National Chapter, Balance 1916.....	41.75
Tax of .25¢ each for Xmas gifts, National Chapter.....	22.35
Insurance on furniture, etc.....	28.80
Fee Local Council of Women.....	2.00
Advertising.....	44.29
Printing.....	1.25
E.B.Eddy Co. for packing boxes.....	20.64
Express.....	3.00
I.O.D.E.Pins.....	10.50
Stationery & Stamps.....	10.64
Materials and Supplies.....	3,248.82
Translating Dr.Doughty's Book.....	100.00
Expenses for Hockey matches.....	68.00
Expenses for Miss K. Burke's lecture.....	27.55
Commission on miniatures.....	22.82
Miscellaneous, Janitor of rooms etc.....	<u>105.12</u>
	\$8,709.03
Balance on hand.....	<u>3,921.11</u>
	<u>\$12,630.14</u>

Mina D. Campbell

Treasurer.





